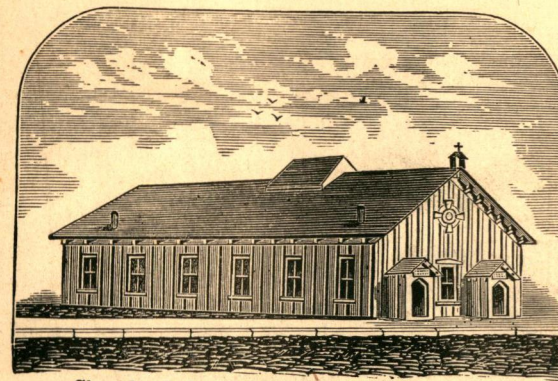




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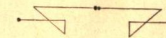
OF THE
PARISH ASSOCIATION

OF THE



Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia.
The First Building, 1868—1873.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES
PHILADELPHIA.



As Read at the Anniversary, Sunday Evening, January 20th, 1884.

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REV. CHARLES D. COOPER, D. D.

Assistant Minister,
REV. HENRY S. GETZ.

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WM. D. THOMAS, H. S. JANNEY, W. S. NEILL,
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Entertainment.—A. RITTER.

Decoration.—WM. D. THOMAS.

Temperance.—W. S. NEILL.

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Assistant Superintendent,
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MAIN-SCHOOL.

<i>Male Teachers.</i>		
J. C. HATIE,	S. PORTER,	W. J. MILLER,
J. H. C. BARR,	HENRY BRIGHT,	W. S. NEILL,
G. W. POTTER,	E. BURT,	F. M. POTTS,
ROBT. F. MOFFITT,	EDW. F. WOLBERT,	J. LEWIS SMITH,
WM. FANNON,	H. MATHERS,	W. F. AYER,
W. A. MCEWEN,		ROBT. G. RANKIN.

<i>Female Teachers.</i>		
MRS. E. P. MCELROY,	MISS ELLA SCOTT,	MISS MAGGIE HAY,
MISS MAGGIE ASHWOOD,	MISS J. E. YOUNG,	MISS ELLA A. HOFFMAN,
MISS EMMA L. THOMAS,	MISS M. J. MCEWEN,	MRS. GEO. C. THOMAS,
MISS FANNIE E. MCEWEN,	MISS LIZZIE GAMBLE,	MISS A. L. WARWICK,
MISS MARIA T. LIMING,	MISS M. R. HASTINGS,	MISS M. S. LITTLE,
MRS. A. J. GLENN,	MISS LAURA A. BRICE,	MISS A. J. YOUNG,
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MRS. F. W. WARD,	MISS H. F. CHAPMAN,	MRS. H. S. JANNEY,
MISS P. P. HASTINGS,	MISS M. A. JOHNSON,	MISS M. F. LEHMAN,
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REPORT.

Philadelphia,

To the Congregation

January 20th, 1884.

OF THE

Church of the Holy Apostles:

It is customary, in January, for the Parish Association to make a full Report of the year which has just passed; this is done with the two-fold object of encouraging those who have labored in the field, and of inciting others to come and help in the work which by reason of the very existence of a Christian Church is laid at our doors.

As the Association was originated in 1874, the present is the Tenth Annual Report brought before you.

The stated meetings have been held regularly on the fourth Wednesday evenings of the months of February, May, September, and November, and there have been several special meetings. At all these, the various Committees at work presented Reports.

In order that all the operations of the Parish may be concisely presented, the Reports of the Rector and Warden are always included in these Annual Statements, and also at the stated meetings.

The Rector reports that the services of the Church have been held regularly—twice on every Sunday, and also on Wednesday evening—excepting during July, August, September, and October: omitted during the last month by reason of the meeting of the General Convention. There were the usual services upon Holy Days and Thanksgiving Day, extra Lenten services, and meetings for the Confirmation Class.

The attendance at our services and weekly meetings, while it is exceedingly gratifying, and pronounced by those of other Parishes who have been with us as comparing very favorably

with their own, yet the Rector feels there are many who should be regular attendants upon the services of the Sanctuary who do not enter the courts of the Lord. Such are those who have been baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church, whose children are enrolled in the Sunday-School, who consider themselves as connected with the Parish, receiving the visits of the Minister, and his consolation and assistance at the time of trouble. It is his earnest wish that all who are regular in their attendance, and the members of the Association, should co-operate with him in inducing such persons to come to church.

In view of the large number of families connected with the Church and Sunday-School, and the necessity that they should be systematically visited, the Rector felt constrained to ask from the Wardens and Vestry their consent to his securing the services of a clergyman who could assist him in the work of the Parish; this request was at once cheerfully and unanimously granted, and the Rev. Henry S. Getz was nominated and duly elected. He entered upon his duties the first of this year, and was introduced to the Congregation by the Rector on the last Sunday of the old year, who at the same time delivered an address upon his work in the Parish since he entered upon it—in 1868.

There have been, during 1883:

Number of services held,	158
Infant Baptisms,	57
Adult Baptisms,	5
	62
Confirmed—Males,	21
Females,	31
	52
Funerals attended,	38
Marriages solemnized,	12
Present number of Communicants, about	550
Amount of Communion-Alms,	\$131.76

The Holy Communion is administered every second Sunday of the month, and Infant Baptism upon the fourth Sunday afternoons.

Since the present Rector took charge—in September, 1868—the summary of statistics is as follows:

Infant Baptisms,	785
Adult Baptisms,	59
	844
Confirmed,	487
Funerals,	446
Marriages,	162

Between January 26th, 1868, and September, the Parish was under the care or supervision of Revs. Phillips Brooks and Samuel E. Appleton, and all official acts outside of the regular service, held only on Sunday evenings, were included by these Rectors.

During these sixteen years, the Rector has made about 12,000 visits, and there have been in the neighborhood of 2,500 services held.

The Accounting Warden reports the following statement of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Church for the year ending December 31st, 1883:

RECEIPTS.

Pew-Rents,	\$2,194.84
Collections at the Church Service,	837.90
Subscriptions and Contributions,	814.51
From Sunday-School,	286.71
Entertainments,	112.05
Interest,	279.17
	<u>\$4,525.18</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Balance deficit, January 1st, 1883,	\$177.17
Rector and Sexton's salaries,	2,400.00
Gas and Fuel,	393.52
Ground-Rent, paid by interest received from the amount in hand to extinguish it when due,	500.00
Music,	356.43
Repairs and Improvements,	110.54
Special Collection, Bishop Paddock,	80.98
" Bishop Whitaker,	90.10
" Episcopal Hospital,	106.76
Insurance,	125.00
Easter Decorations and Gardening,	103.27
Sundry small items, Advertising, Printing, etc.,	72.70
	<u>4,516.47</u>
Balance in hand, January 1st, 1884,	\$8.71
Balance to credit of special Organ Fund, and deposited separately,	\$155.51

The Warden can add very little to the remarks previously made in these Reports regarding the current expenses of the Church; it will be seen that for the year the account was about square. The holder of the ground-rent has still declined to receive his money, and the amount held in trust for this purpose is still loaned out against collaterals deposited to secure it, as stated in the last Report.

It will be seen, on comparing this present statement with that of last year, that the pew-rents received were over \$100 in excess of 1882; and the Warden would again call the attention

of the Congregation to the moderate rental of the pews, which are so valued that no one need hesitate on the ground of cost.

The detailed statement of the work of the Association will be found herewith, in the Reports of the several Committees.

FIRST—*Sunday-Schools and Bible-Classes.*

Number of Officers and Teachers on the Roll,	69
Scholars,	946

Total,	1,015
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Average attendance during the entire year:

Officers and Teachers,	61
Scholars,	675

Total,	736
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The largest attendance was on Easter Sunday, March 25th, 904

The smallest attendance was on Sunday, April 22d, 465

The following table of the yearly average attendance since the School was commenced, in 1868, will be of interest here:

1868,	144	1876,	716
1869,	220	1877,	756
1870,	237	1878,	745
1871,	320	1879,	746
1872,	370	1880,	709
1873,*	514	1881,	703
1874,	650	1882,	723
1875,	696	1883,	736

*New school building occupied.

The School is at present in excellent working order. Every class has its regular teacher, and there are a number of the older scholars who are ready to supply the places of absent teachers, and willing to teach themselves, when the Superintendent is able to avail of their services. As will be seen by the average for the year above noted, the Officers and Teachers are very regular in their attendance: sixty-one out of sixty-nine, or nearly ninety per cent. present. This includes, of course, the entire year. If July and August are left out of the calculation, this average would be ninety-six per cent.

The Officers and Teachers are now assigned thus:

	Male.	Female.
Superintendent,	1	..
Assistant Superintendent,	1	..
Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistants,	3	..
Librarians,	5	..
Organist,	1	..
Bible-Class Teachers,	3	3
Infant-School Teachers,	3	3
Main-School Teachers,	17	34
	30	41

It is with deep regret that the resignation of Mrs. E. D. Alsop, for fifteen years in charge of the Infant Department, was accepted at the commencement of the Advent season. It is not the purpose of this Report to make personal mention of or eulogize individual effort, but this Committee feel it is due to Mrs. Alsop, who has labored so faithfully and constantly, to note this fact—the reason for this resignation was failing health. At the same time, the assistant of the Department preferring to teach in the Main Room, the Infant School was reorganized, and is at present under the care of Mrs. McConnell, Miss Richardson, and Miss S. Chapman.

The Uniform Scheme of Lessons, as adopted by the Joint Committee of several of the Dioceses, appointed by the Bishops, is still used. The series from Advent to Trinity, now being studied, is the story of our Saviour's life as told by St. Luke in his Gospel, and the leaflets and lesson-helps for the teachers in use are those published by the Episcopal Register of this city. Much interest is manifested by both teachers and scholars in the study of the Word, and the latter are very careful with the leaflets, which are issued in quarterly form, and much more valuable in the work of the School than when furnished as a single sheet every Sunday. It may be as well to state here, as mentioned in last year's Report, that the expense of the subscription to the Register and the Lesson-Helps is borne entirely by the teachers, in a yearly collection for the purpose. Each teacher—or, where more than one of a family are engaged in the work, each family—receives a copy of the Episcopal Register, and it is hardly necessary to speak here of the value such a Church paper has, in addition to its admirable assistance on the lessons.

During the summer months, the School sessions were held in the morning; the attendance was larger than in the previous year, and there was the same noticeable increase in the morning service of the Church. Previous to the change from afternoon to morning, and again in September when the reverse took place, postal-cards of notification were sent to every scholar.

The weekly Teachers' Meetings are continued every Friday evening, except in the two summer months. They are attended, as in previous years, by older scholars, who may have a desire eventually to teach, and the instruction is aimed to be of such a

kind as to prepare them for this end. The large number of these graduates—twenty-four in all—now teaching in our School, is the best evidence of the practical effect of this meeting. Your Committee would here remark that they believe many troublesome Sunday-School questions are solved by an undertaking like this. We believe that the ground of the success of our School is found here, and are fully persuaded that one of the reasons why so few men are now to be seen teaching in the Sunday-School is that they have never been educated, when young, with the idea that this was to be expected of them. In addition, the fact that so many older boys and girls are found in the Sunday-School, and this for the reason that when a good and faithful teacher is known to have an influence over scholars, they are not taken away to be graded into a Bible-Class.

The average attendance at these meetings has been :

Teachers,	36
Others,	9
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The Christmas Exercises were held on Sunday evening, December 30th; the carols were beautifully sung, and addresses delivered by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Getz, and the Superintendent. The festivals took place on Thursday afternoon and evening, December 27th, when a delightfully pleasant time was had by all; the exercises were of an entirely social character, in the nature of what might be termed a reception by everyone of everybody else.

The same plan was followed again of bringing to the School-room, on the Saturday afternoon before Christmas, donations of provisions, poultry, groceries, clothing, toys, etc., for distribution among those not so highly favored. A much larger number of articles was brought than on any former occasion, and distribution was made to twenty-five families. The value of these articles is estimated at \$100.

The Easter Anniversary Exercises were held on the evening of that day, when the attendance was very large.

The offerings of the scholars for the several Sundays of the month are still arranged as follows :

First Sunday—For the Poor of the School.

Second Sunday—For the Expenses of the Church.

Third Sunday—For the Expenses of the School.

Fourth and Fifth Sunday—For Missionary and Charitable Purposes.

This plan works admirably, but has been intermitted during the Lenten and Advent seasons.

For the season of Lent, the School, in response to the invitation of the Sunday-School Association, made its entire offering for missionary purposes. To aid in the interest, the School was divided into sections, and to each was assigned a specific object. Thus, to the

Seven Bible-Classes,	Bishop Whipple.
First Division, Boys' Classes,	Bishop Vail.
Second " " " "	Mexico.
First " " " " Girls' " "	China and Japan.
Second " " " " " " "	Diocesan Missions.
Infant School,	{ Faith Home for Crippled Children.
	{ Bethesda Home, Chestnut Hill.

This offering amounted as follows :

Bishop Whipple,	\$99.86
Bishop Vail,	75.02
Mexico,	76.53
China and Japan,	75.63
Diocesan,	113.74
Infant School,	65.00
	\$505.78

For the Advent Season, in response to the invitation of the Sunday-School Association, the offerings were devoted towards the Philadelphia Sunday-School Fund, in aid of a Church to be erected in Northern Dakota, under the direction of the new Missionary Bishop, Rt. Rev. W. D. Walker. The amount contributed was \$75.50. Sixty-seven Sunday-Schools in this city united in this effort.

The Sunday evening Church services, during the several seasons of the ecclesiastical year, have been continued with the view of bringing their special truths in connection with a service in the Church before the minds of both teachers and scholars; the middle-aisle pews are reserved, and the attendance has been very gratifying. Besides the usual Christmas and Easter exercises, these were held during the Epiphany, Lenten, Trinity, and Advent seasons, and in addition a special service was held in the Church on Whit-Sunday afternoon. At the Trinity-Sunday Service, Archdeacon Kirkby made an earnest address, and on the following evening delivered a lecture in the Parish Building on "Missionary Life in the North."

During the meetings of the General Convention, in October, the School sessions were attended by a large number of the Bishops and Deputies. Bishop Bedell, of Ohio, addressed the School on September 30th, the Lord Bishop of Rochester on October 7th, Bishops Whipple and Harris on the 14th, and Bishop Vail on the 28th.

It is also with thankfulness your Committee is able to report the fact that at the Annual Confirmation, April 8th, forty-six scholars were presented to the Bishop—twenty-seven female and nineteen male.

The Library is now closed, and a Committee of the teachers, with the Librarians, has been appointed to suggest plans and methods for its continuance. The number of books is about 800.

The Teachers' Reference Library contains about 250 volumes.

A written examination was held on the evening of February 1st, when twenty-five scholars were reported by the Committee in charge as having obtained an average entitling them to commendation, and duly received a reward.

The Treasurer of the School reports as follows:

Balance on hand from 1883,	\$134.11
Total amount of Contributions and Collections in 1883, .	1,698.30
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	\$1,832.41

All of which was collected in the School, excepting \$50, and expended as follows:

Support of Sunday-School, including books and leaflets, papers, printing, and expenses of Christmas Festival and Easter Anniversary,	\$404.29
Support of the Church,	286.71
Benevolent work of the School,	51.50

Missionary Purposes:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mexican League,	\$76.53
China and Japan,	75.63
Church Mission News,	50.00
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	202.16

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Freedmen,	\$10.00
Church at Riverdale, Ohio, injured by floods,	25.00
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Amounts carried forward, . .	\$35.00 \$944.66 \$1,832.41

Amounts brought forward, . .	\$35.00	\$944.66	\$1,832.41
Bishop Whipple,	99.86		
" Vail,	75.02		
" Whittaker,	51.58		
" Walker—Advent Offering for Northern Dakota,	75.50		
Church Mission News,	50.00		
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DIOCESAN MISSIONS.			
Easter Anniversary,		113.74	
CITY MISSIONS.			
City Mission,	\$37.36		
Bethesda Home, Chestnut Hill, . . .	32.50		
Faith Home for Crippled Children, . .	32.50		
Children's Country Week,	46.03		
Episcopal Hospital,	47.06		
Sheltering Arms,	33.21		
Church of the Crucifixion,	50.00		
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		<hr/>	1,724.02
Balance,			\$108.39

SECOND COMMITTEE.—*Parish Library.*

This Committee reports that the Library contains about 900 volumes. The cases have been removed to the larger Bible-Class Room, and are availed of at the Tuesday evening social gatherings, and it is also hoped that some use may be made of these books in connection with the Sunday-School and Bible-Classes.

The plan adopted by many Parish Libraries, of availing largely of the cheap publication of standard literature, may be worth a trial in our Parish; at any rate, the bringing of such works within the reach of all has been one cause why our Library is not better patronized. At the same time, it is a reason for encouragement that so powerful an antidote has been found to baneful and pernicious books.

THIRD COMMITTEE.—*Church Hospitality.*

As has been stated before in these Reports, it is impossible for this Committee to give a detailed account of its work, the duty of the members being to attend before and after the stated services on Sundays and during the week, to extend a welcome to strangers who may be present and furnish them with seats. They also have been the means of introducing quite a number of persons to the Rector, and of bringing others into the Sunday-School, besides aiding to increase the revenues of the Church by the renting of pews and sittings.

FOURTH COMMITTEE.—*District Visiting.*

The members of this Committee have paid about two hundred visits, and have also visited and relieved a number of cases of distress, and received a number of donations of garments; also donations in money amounting to \$15. They have been instrumental in bringing into the Sunday-School and Church those who had no other religious connection, and others recently coming into the neighborhood.

This Committee again expresses its appreciation of the Ward Association for the Relief of the Poor, with which it has co-operated, and received valuable advice and assistance in preventing many cases of imposture from obtaining relief, and judiciously dispensing assistance to the needy. They believe that if these Ward Relief Organizations were properly understood by the Churches, they would be found to be valuable auxiliaries in their work among the destitute and neglected.

The Sick Diet Kitchen, established by the Episcopal City Mission, has also been a great help to this Committee, and grateful acknowledgment is expressed for its aid.

FIFTH COMMITTEE.—*Music.*

This Committee is composed of those who voluntarily occupy the positions of Choir in the Church. There are at present thirty-seven members, divided as follows:

Soprano voices,	17
Alto "	8
Tenor "	4
Base "	5
Leader and Organists,	3

They are under the instruction, weekly, of Mr. George F. Bishop, and meet every Saturday evening for rehearsal. The average attendance at the Sunday services is about twenty-five, with faithful attention to the weekly rehearsals. The Church Hymnal of Rev. Mr. Hutchins has been in use for several years, and was adopted as furnishing the best general arrangement of tunes and chants within reach. A great benefit—one which will be appreciated by all choir-masters—is the assignment, by this means, of a specified tune to each hymn.

The music, as in the past, is plain and simple in its character, the object being to lead the Congregation in the praises of the Sanctuary.

The present organ, while very sweet in tone, is hardly large enough for the Choir and the Church building, and is especially wanting in depth and power sufficient to support the Sunday-School celebrations and services. The Choir therefore have taken the initiative in efforts to establish a fund for the purchase of a new organ, and to this end a concert was given on the evening of October 25th, at Association Hall, which resulted in securing the sum of \$155.51, which is now held by the Accounting Warden on special deposit; the present organ would possibly be worth \$700 to \$800 in part payment for a new one, and a member of the Congregation has agreed to contribute \$1,000 whenever a like sum is raised, so that the Committee on Music hope that before very long they may be able to see this effort on a solid basis.

The Young Men's Literary Association has also very kindly devoted the proceeds of its entertainment of Thursday, January 17th, to this object.

SIXTH COMMITTEE.—*Young Men's Association.*

The work of this Committee, which consists in being present at the Tuesday evening social meeting for the older boys and young men, which was closed in May, was begun again in November, and has continued as in previous years. The lower rooms of the Parish Building are opened on these evenings from seven to ten o'clock. The time is spent in reading newspapers, books, pamphlets, etc., and in the use of amusing and instructive games. These exercises are occasionally interspersed with humorous and selected readings, with addresses.

There is also under the supervision of this Committee, and growing out of these social evenings, now two years old, the Young Men's Literary Association. This Association meets every Thursday evening. The Rector and Superintendent are, *ex-officio*, President and First Vice-President, and one of the teachers Second Vice-President; the Third Vice-President, and the other officers, are from among the young men. Several of the male teachers of the Sunday-School have taken great interest in this Association, and their constant attendance has been of great benefit. The young men have also exhibited considerable ability in the literary work assigned, and have also given substantial proofs of their own desire for the good of the Church. The

meetings are conducted with great decorum and under parliamentary law, and your Committee commends this effort to the good wishes and interest of all.

In addition to the regular meetings, there are held from time to time other gatherings: in the nature of exhibitions and entertainments, for the benefit of the Congregation and the friends of the Association. There was also an excursion given in the summer, from which nearly \$40 was realized. The Committee on Young Men's Association has been greatly aided by the systematic division of the teachers of the Sunday-School, so that there are now present on every Tuesday evening two of the male teachers; this arrangement is helpful and interesting to both teachers and scholars.

SEVENTH COMMITTEE.—*Young Ladies' Sewing-Circle.*

The meetings mentioned in the Report for last year were continued until May, and resumed again in November of 1883. It may be as well to again state the object of this effort: It is to provide a pleasant evening for the older girls of the Sunday-School, to promote a feeling of sociability among them, and at the same time to employ the hour to advantage and interest by making garments for some needy and worthy object. Last year, the sewing was for children of our own school; but as a supply of work was left over, the effort at present is for the Bethesda Home for friendless little children, at Chestnut Hill. As the Young Ladies' Sewing-Circle meets in the Bible-Class Rooms on the same evening as the older boys, the rooms are always thrown together; a piano is furnished through the kindness of friends, and there is generally music by some of the scholars or their friends, occasionally some good singing by members of a glee-club.

These social evenings for both sexes have been productive of most excellent results; the rooms are generally well filled, and any of the Congregation who may look in will be well repaid. As in the case of the male teachers, the female teachers have been divided into sub-committees, and three assigned to each evening.

The young ladies united with the Committee on Missionary Work during the Lenten season, and expect to do the same for the present year.

EIGHTH COMMITTEE.—*Missionary Work.*

This comprises a large number of the ladies, who meet during Lent, in connection with the Women's Auxiliary of the Board of Missions. Last season, their work was for a clergyman of the Church in Kansas, and two large boxes of useful articles for himself and family were forwarded before Easter. It is impossible here to enumerate the articles sent; the money-value of the box, as reported and credited in the "Spirit of Missions," was \$252.40; but of this amount \$145 was collected from friends outside the Parish.

Probably very few persons have any idea of the amount of real good that is done in the sending of such boxes as these. On the frontier, the salary of a clergyman often amounts to a few hundred dollars, and he is obliged to support a family. The letters received by the Committee from this recipient were full of gratitude and thankfulness, and the fact may be mentioned that but for articles sent in these boxes his children could scarcely be habited decently enough to take their places in the House of God. This Committee gratefully appreciate the kindly aid of the young ladies in their work. The same Committee is also organizing for the approaching Lenten season; but owing to the inclement weather, and cases of need presenting themselves, will work for parochial purposes.

NINTH COMMITTEE.—*Entertainments.*

The only one held was the Strawberry and Floral Festival, in June, which was undertaken more for the purpose of promoting a feeling of sociability in the Congregation than from a desire for profit. The amount netted, however, was \$110.35, which was passed over to the Accounting Warden; the Old Folks' Concert of the Choir also passed under the direction of this Committee as to the sale of tickets and other arrangements.

TENTH COMMITTEE.—*Dressing and Decorating the Church at Christmas and Easter.*

This work was most faithfully performed, and the large number of young people who were appointed to the duty at

Christmas most enthusiastically entered into the matter. It will be borne in mind that there is no regular Committee to which this branch of the operation of the Association is assigned, but special Committees are appointed for each occasion. At Christmas this year, there were fifty-two gentlemen and thirty ladies who acted.

ELEVENTH COMMITTEE.—*Mothers' Meetings.*

These were recommenced on the first Friday evening in December, after being suspended for a few years. They are held every Friday evening, in the first Bible-Class Room. A full Report cannot of course be given until the closing, in May.

TWELFTH COMMITTEE.—*Temperance.*

In the last Report, it was stated that a branch of the Diocesan Church Temperance Society was in prospect. This was duly organized in February last, and made part of the work of the Parish Association, a Standing Committee for this purpose being constituted. Thus far, thirty of the male members of the Association have enrolled themselves, subscribing to either one of the two pledges required by the Society. The matter is kept entirely informal and without machinery, and depends solely upon the influence of its members; who, having thus subscribed their names and received their tickets, are expected to carry out the true Christian principles of the organization.

In addition to the above Committees, there have been special ones of male members who have assisted in preserving order at the Easter and Christmas celebrations.

The Treasurer of the Association reports:

Balance on hand from 1883,	\$21.31
Cash received from Entertainments,	267.56
Collections,	25.00
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	\$313.87

PAYMENTS.

Committees,	\$14.75
Printing Annual Report,	25.00
Church Warden,	267.56
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	307.31
Balance,	<hr/>
	\$6.56

Grouping together, then, these various Treasurers' Reports, we find the totals as follows:

RECEIPTS.

From all sources—Pew-Rents, Collections, Donations, Subscriptions, Offertory, etc., and including Balances from 1883,	\$6,771.86
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PAYMENTS.

Support of the Church, Interest, Insurance, Repairs, Improvements, etc.,	\$4,263.63
Support of Sunday-Schools,	404.29

\$4,667.92

Missionary and Charitable Purposes:

Parochial,	\$313.01
City,	278.66
Diocesan,	220.50
Domestic,	810.44
Foreign,	202.16
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	1,824.77
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	6,492.69

Balance, \$279.17

Accounted for:

Warden,	\$8.71
Sunday-School,	108.39
Parish Association,	6.56
Special Organ Fund,	155.51
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	\$279.17

One very gratifying feature of the above summary is the amount reported for missionary and charitable purposes, and which was \$1,824.77. In 1882, it was \$1,245.32. In 1881, it was \$741.33.

There has thus been presented, as briefly and yet as fully as possible, the work of the Parish for the past year. It has been characterized by the same harmony and good feeling as in the previous years, which we trust may ever continue; and that every member of this Association may not rest satisfied with these outward and visible signs of the Church's growth, but desire also the inward and spiritual grace which is the true test of success.

Your friends and fellow-workers,

CHARLES D. COOPER, RECTOR,
GEO. C. THOMAS,
R. A. KYLE,
WM. D. THOMAS,

Committee.